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EXAMINING GROUP 1763
PATENT

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In re Application of:)
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Kiichi HAMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1763
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8, 10-24, 26-36, 64-76, 78-84, 120-122, 124-126, 128-
137, and 166 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 9, 25, 27 and 127 as follows:

9. (Amended) An apparatus for processing a process region of a substrate
using a plasma comprising:
a container substantially formed of a conductive material;

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